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Ms. Mary Anne Nelson, Director
Water Quality Program
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

Re: SFY 2019 Program Evaluation Report—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Dear Ms. Nelson:

The final Program Evaluation Report (PER) for the Idaho Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program is enclosed with this letter. This report covers the time period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019.

This PER is based on the SFY 2019 Idaho DWSRF Annual Report, information available from existing data, such as the Drinking Water National Information Management System (DWNIMS), the Drinking Water Project & Benefits Reporting (PBR) system, audit reports, loan project file reviews, reviews of cash draw transactions, and from discussions with Idaho DWSRF program staff during the onsite portion of the annual review November 14-15, 2019.

We commend the members of your staff who continue to work hard to implement the Idaho DWSRF program for their continued excellence. While SFY 2019 was an off year for program pace, we note that early in SFY 2020, Idaho signed its largest ever DWSRF loan (\$32 million) with the City of Lewiston, and that Lewiston is due to request an additional \$10 million in the next few months.

All of the questions raised during the annual review process were addressed and are summarized in the PER. As always, we appreciate the assistance of the Idaho DWSRF staff in preparation for the review and in helping to address any questions that arose. We look forward to continuing to work closely with your office in the future as the program progresses.

Speaking of excellence, we note that your longtime SRF program lead, Tim Wendland, plans to retire in the next few months. Under Tim's leadership the Idaho DWSRF program has become known for remarkable innovation and creativity in use of funds for loans and set-asides. We wish him the very best in retirement.

If we may provide clarification regarding the PER, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-1855, or have your staff contact our DWSRF Program Coordinator, Rick Green at (206) 553-8504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel D. Opalski".

Daniel D. Opalski
Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Tim Wendland (email only)
Ms. Jerri Henry (email only)

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